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Senate Bill 441 - Most of this bill is exactly what dentistry needs, however, Section 3 (2) should be removed as it is unnecessary and puts undo workload on the State Workforce and Talent Development Board. It is unnecessary because such training modules already exist.

I understand and appreciate that there is a shortage of dental assistants and this section of the bill is endeavoring to reduce the shortage by creating training modules, however, there are already training modules which were created by the premiere educators in dentistry, DANB and the DALE Foundation. So this part of the bill is superfluous. It only reinvents an already successful wheel.

Dentistry is evolving at an unprecedented speed and we are reaching new heights never before envisioned. New technologies and materials have advanced dentistry and now enable us to provide safer, revolutionary healthcare. In addition, if new training modules were created through this bill, a substantial financial and labor intensive mechanism would be needed to update them and keep them current.

DANB and the DALE Foundation update their training modules continually, making sure they include the most current information and training content. Dentistry is all they do, and they do it well. It is unnecessary to create something that already exists, and does the intended job extremely well.

Please remove Section 3 (2) from Senate Bill 441.